

TIOGA: HYPNOTIC BLUE CHIP & INDULGE ME WIN RESPECTIVE DIVISIONS OF EMPIRE BREEDERS' CLASSIC PACE

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Hypnotic Blue Chip and Tim Tetrick posted a stakes and track record of 1:50.3 in the final of the Empire Breeder's Classic on Sunday afternoon at Tioga Downs. Hypnotic Blue Chip settled in fourth going to the quarter as Hay Goodlooking and Stephane Bouchard led the field to the quarter pole Tetrick and Hypnotic Blue Chip were out looking for the lead and had

command of the field past the three-eighth's pole. The field reached the half in 54.4, and Hypnotic Blue Chip eased his way to the three quarter pole in 1:23. Tetrick stepped on the gas pedal at the three quarter pole and left the field in the dust as he paced home a final panel of 27.3 to win by seven lengths. Redneck Outlaw and Mike LaChance found racing room late take home the place money, while Hay Goodlooking and Stephane Bouchard despite a two hole trip could only settle for third. Mark Harder trains the 3-year old son of Art Major-A Traccefomagic who has now posted seven wins in eleven starts in 2009 and with the lion's share of the \$218,925 purse sports seasonal earnings of more than \$210,000

Mike LaChance and Indulge Me used a front end effort to take down the Empire Breeder's Classic final for 3-year old filly pacers. LaChance sent the 3-year old daughter of Bettor's Delight-Armbro Wand to the front and cut through fractions of 28, 56.2, and 1:24.2 before sprinting home in 28 flat to stop the timer in 1:52.2. The mile established a new seasonal mark for Indulge Me and kept the filly a perfect two for two in 2009. Ed Lohmeyer trains Indluge Me for Robert and Lauren Tucker of Glen Garden, New Jersey. Race favorite Perfect Launch and Tim Tetrick made a break going to the quarter pole, and when Tetrick was interviewed in the winner's circle following Hypnotic Blue Chip's victory he said that Perfect Launch threw a shoe just after the gate folded and caused the break going to the quarter.



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Tim Tetrick, Jim Morrill Jr., Andy Santeramo, and Matt Kakaley each posted driving doubles on the thirteen race card.

The trotting edition of the Empire Breeder's Classic takes place at Vernon Downs on Monday, May 25th (Memorial Day) with a post time of 1:30 pm. For more information on Tioga Downs please visit us on our website at www.tiogadowns.com.

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